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To: Simon, Paul; LaPosta, Dore; Filippelli, John
Subject: Saint Gobain, PFOA

I called dr. Nathan graber, the head of the office of environmental health at the state health department today. He was generally aware of the issue but said he would now get a more detailed briefing and he appreciated my call. I told him that I am very concerned that hundreds of people drinking the municipal water in Hoosick falls are drinking water that exceed the 400 ppt epa provisional advisory for pfoa. The company has agreed to provide bottled water, but that does not deal with dermal exposures. The company recently agreed to install a carbon filtration system at the public water supply but how quickly can they do it and will they take on the fiscal costs of o and m, which can be expensive. Bottom line: the town of Hoosick falls has known about this contamination in their water supply for over a year. We need the state health department to focus on the water supply issues fast. he asked what we were doing and I gave him a general overview. State health dept seems to be relying on negotiations between the mayor and the company. There is a clear need for regulatory oversight by either the state or epa or both.

Paul, I am on travel all next week but please re convene our region 2 group. Dore informed me that our information request letter under tsca has gone out and deca received about 2/3 of what they requested from the company and did a call with the company today. I trust we are dealing with both facilities in Hoosick falls.

We need to figure out how to test groundwater and determine if there is a plume.

We need to look at the nearby Hoosick river, and possibly test the fish in the river.

I asked NYS DOH to consider testing more private wells. The county executive told me that there is not an inventory of private wells in the county. I assume the previous wells were tested by nysdoh but going door to door in the village. They can do that again.

Please prioritize this problem. Thanks everyone.